HEALTH AFFAIRS

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (M&RA)
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (M&RA)

SUBJECT: Extension of Reciprocal Health Care Agreement - Tunisia

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A copy of the agreement to extend is attached.

Point of contact for this matter is Mr. Kenneth Cox, at (703) 681-0039.

William Winkenwerder, Jr., MD

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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA

AND

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

CONCERNING

HEALTH CARE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

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Whereas, the Department of defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Tunisia, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties," have agreed to consider an exchange of health care, and

Whereas, the laws and regulations of the United States provide that inpatient medical care in Department of Defense medical treatment facilities in the United States may be furnished without cost to foreign military members and their accompanying dependents in the United States, provided, that the foreign military members' government makes available comparable care for a comparable number of United States military members and their dependents in its country, and

Whereas, the Parties have determined that appropriate conditions exist to assure that comparable care to comparable numbers will be made available by each Party, and

Whereas, the Military Departments of the united States Department of Defense have agreed to make available the health care specified in this Agreement, subject to their regulations and the availability of funds,

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows :

SECTION I

GENERAL

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2. Definitions.

- a. The term "dependents" is defined to include the following:
- (1) Spouse. A person who, based on the laws of the military member's country, is considered to be the lawful wife or husband of the military member.
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- b. Subsistence surcharge. A charge for meals consumed in a Department of Defense or Ministry of Defense military medical treatment facility.
- 3. Requirements for identification and proof of eligibility by persons requesting health care under this Agreement shall be as prescribed by the Party furnishing the care.

SECTION II

HEALTH CARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE UNITED STATES

The Department of Defense of the United States shall make available in its military medical and dental treatment facilities in the United States:

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SECTION IV

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 1. Questions relating to the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be referred for mutual resolution to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs for the Government of the United States, and the Minister of Defense for the Republic of Tunisia.
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SECTION V

TERMS

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For the Ministry of For the Department of Defense Defense The United States of America of the Republic of Tunisia:

Assistant Secre Affairs Defense for H Washington, DC Signed at

Minister of Defense

Signed at

Tunis

Le Ministre

de la Défense Nationale

Abdelaziz BEN DHIA

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Abdelaziz BEN DHIA

قديد الإتفاقية بين وزارة الدفاع للولايات المتحدة الأمريكية و وزارة الدفاع للجمهورية التونسية حول التغطية الصحية لأعوان الجيش و عائلاتهم

إن وزارة الدفاع للولايات المتحدة الأمريكية و وزارة الدفاع للجمهورية التونسية المنصوصتان فيما يلي كالأطراف، توافقان على تمديد الإتفاقية بين الأطراف الموقعة يوم 13 أكتوبر 1993 و السارية المفعول منذ ذلك التاريخ حول التغطية الصحية لأعوان الجيش و عائلاتهم إلى يوم 12 أكتوبر 2005.

يدخل هذا التمديد حيز التنفيذ ابتداء من تاريخ آخر إمضاء و يسير مفعوله من يوم 13 أكتوبر 2002.

حرر في أصلين، واحد بالانجليزية و الأخر بالعربية، مع تطابق النصين الأصليين.

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واشنطن، في **2002 معروب 2** واشنطن

عن وزارة الدفاع للجمهورية التونسية

) أي الدى وزيسر الدَّمْلاع الوطني

عن وزارة الدفاع للولايات المتحدة الأمريكية

William Winterverden MD. Assistant Secretary of Obfense Health Affains

ا نفا قب

بين وزارة الدفاع الوطني للجمهورية التونسية

و

كتابــة الدولـة للدهاع

تتعلق بالعلاج الطبي للعسكرييين وعائللاتهم بين وزارة الدفاع الوطني للجمهورية التونسية

من جهـــــة

كتابة الدولة للدفاع بالو لايات المتحدة الامريكــة

من جهـة أخرى

تتعلق بالعلاج الطبي للعسكريين وعائلاتهــم

حيث اتفقت وزارة الدفعاع الوطنعي للجمهورية التونسية وكتابة الدولة للدفاع بالو لايات المتحدة الأمريكية المشار اليهما في ما يلي بالطرفين على تبادل العلاج الطبي.

وحيث تنص القوانين والتشريعات في الولايات المتحدة الا'مريكية على امكانية توفير العلاج الطبي في المؤسسات الإستشفائية الا'مريكية مجانا وذلك لفائدة العسكريين الا'جانب وعائلاتهم المتواجدين في الولايات المتحدة الا'مريكية على أن توفر حكومة هؤلاء العسكريين نفس العلاج لعدد مماثل من العسكريين اللا'مريكيين وعائلاتهم المتواجدين في بلدانهم.

وحيث حدد الطرفان التونسي والا'مريكي الشروط الملائمة لتوفير العلاج لعدد مماثل من قبل كل مصن الطرفيان وحيث وافقات مصالح وزارة الدفاع التونسية وكتابة الدولةللدفاع الا'مريكية توفير العلاج الطبي المحدد بهذه الاتفاقية وذلك حسب التشريعات والاعتمادات المتوفرة.

اتفق الطرفان على ما يلي :

الفصل الاول

عموميات:

1/ تنظبق هذه الاتفاقية على العسكريين التونسيين والامريكيين وعانلاتهم المتواجدين في أحد البلدين بدعوة رسمية او كأفراد طاقم ملاحي طائرة أو باخرة عسكرية تابعة الإحدى البلدين وتقوم بزيارة البلد الاخر وذلك في اطار عسكري رسمي.

2/ تعریــــف

- أ- يقصد بنفظة "عائلة"
- الزوج : هو الشخص الذي يعتبر القرين الشرعي للعسكري وذلك حسب قوانين البلدالذي ينتمي اليه.
- الفرع : هو ابن العسكري الذي هو في كفالتـه حسـب التشـريعات الباري بها العمل في بلده.
- ب- كلفة المؤونة:هي كلفة الشغذية المستهلكة في المؤسسات
 الاستشفائية التابعةلكتابة الدولةللدفاع او وزارة الدفاع.
- (الانشخاص الذين يطلبون التمتع بالعلاج الطبي في نطاق هذه اللاتفاقية مطالبون با لاد لاء بأوراق هويتهم وبإثبات استحقاقهم لذلك طبقالما يطلبه الطرف الموفر للعلاج.

الفصل الثالث

العللاج الطبلي اللذي توهلره الجمهوريلة التونسية

توفر وزارة الدفاع الوطني في مؤسساتها الاستشفائية ولمعالجة الأسنان بالجمهوريـة التونسية ما يلي:

أ- للعسكرييـــن :

- يسند عملاج طبي مجاني للمقيميان وغير المقيميان وذلك داخل المؤسسات الإستشفائية ولمعالجة الاسنان التابعة للوزارة الدفاع الوطني (باستثناء كلفة المؤونة إن طبقت).

ب- لعائلاتهــم:

- (1): يسند علاج طبي مجاني للمقيمين وغير المقيميان ودليك داخيل المؤسسات الإستشفائية التابعة لوزارة الدفياع البوطني (باستثناء كلفة المؤونة إن طبقت).
- (2) معالجة مجانية للا'سنان في المؤسسات الاستشفائية ولمعالجة الا'سنان التابعة لوزارة الدفاع وذلك في حدود ما هيو موفير لعائلات العسكريين التونسيين.

الغصل الثاني

العلاج الطبي الذي توفيره الو لايات المتحدة الأمر يكية.

توفركتابة الدولةللدهاع الانمريكية هي مؤسساتها الاستشفائية ولمعالجة الانسنان بالو لايات المتحدة الانمريكية ما يلي :

١- للعسكرييلينن :

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القصل الرابع

حسم الفلافات

1- تطرح كل المسائل المتعلقلة بتطبيق هذه الاتفاقية او بتأويل بنودها على كاتب الدولة المساعد للدفاع الأمريكي المكلف بالمحدة العسكرية وعلى وزير الدفاع الوطني للجمهورية التونسية لاخد قرار مشترك.

2- لا يخضع اي خصلاف أو اخصتلاف يتعلىق بتطبيعق او تسأويل همذه الاتفاقية الى طرف أجنبي أو الصى المحاكم الدولية بهدف المراجعة أو الحسم.

الشصل الخاملس

الصلوحية

1- تدخل هذه الإتفاقية حيز التنفيذ 90 يوما بعد تاريخ آخر امضاء وتبقى سارية المفعول لمدة 3 سنوات إلا في حالة الغائها مان قبال أحد الطرفين ويكون ذلك باعلام كتابي مصبق قبل 90 يوما.

2- يمكن تنقيح هذه الإتفاقية باتفاق مشترك وتبادل الرسائل بيان كاتب الدولة المساعد للدفاع الأمريكي المكلف بالمحلق العسكرية ووزيار الدفاع الوطني للجمهورية التونسية.

3- طبقا لما سبق المفتلين الرسميين للطرفين في التواريخ المبينة اسفله.

> عن وزارة الد**ضاع الوطني** للجمهورية التونسية

عبد العزيز بن ضياء وزيكر الدفاع اللوطني

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عن كتابة الدولة للدفـاع بالولايات المتحدة الأمريكية

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This extension shall enter into force upon the date of the last signature, with effect from October 13, 2002.

Done in two originals, each in the English and Arabic languages, both texts being equally authentic.

Washington, DC, on 2 October, 2002.

TUNIS 002 5 AVR. 2002 2002.

FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA: FOR THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF TUNISIA:

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ر 200<u>7 نائ</u> و 25 افزار 2002 تومنسے ، فی

واشنطن. في **معلمان 2 2** 2002

عن وزارة الدفاع للحمهورية التونسية

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